

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A seat unit for an aircraft cabin having a longitudinal direction, comprising:

a seat base and a seat back arranged in front of a rear wall having first and second parts in its lateral extent; a back shell,

a seat base,

a seat back, and

side frame members that are coupled to the back shell,

wherein the seat back is mounted to pivot at a junction with the seat base and is foldable at the junction between an upright seat position and a fold-forward bed position in which the seat back lies on top of the seat base,

wherein the back shell includes a first part that defines an inner recess for at least a head of a passenger in the seat unit and a second part that defines an outer recess for the feet of a passenger behind the seat unit, wherein the first part and the second part are adjacent each other in a lateral direction and the second part is relatively closer to the seat base than the first part in a longitudinal direction the first part being relatively closer to the seat base than the second part which thereby defines the inner recess in an inner surface of the wall.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended): A seat unit as claimed in claim 1 in which the seat back is movable between [[a]] the upright seat position in which a first surface thereof is arranged to be part of a seat, and [[a]] the fold-forward bed position in which a second, opposite, surface thereof is arranged to be part of a bed.

4. - 7. (cancelled)

8. (currently amended): A seat unit as claimed in claim 1 in which a bed extension surface is arranged in the inner recess, which bed extension surface is adjacent the seat back in [[a]] the fold-down bed position thereof to define a substantially flat bed surface with the seat back in the fold-down bed position.

9. (currently amended): A seat unit as claimed in claim [[3]] 1 in which the seat back includes an extension piece disposed toward an a top end thereof distal and extendable away from the seat base, the extension piece being deployable for when in the fold-forward bed position of the seat back to extend the bed surface forwardly.

10. (previously presented): A seat unit as claimed in claim 1 in which the outer recess is formed with an upwardly facing surface providing a further bed extension surface for a seat arranged behind the seat unit.

11. (previously presented): A seating arrangement comprising a plurality of seat units as claimed in claim 1, each seat having a notional longitudinal centre line which is substantially coincident with a notional line on which the seats are arranged.

12. (original): A seating arrangement as claimed in claim 11 in which the inner recess in one seat is on the same side of the seat as the inner recess in the seat in front or behind.

13. (currently amended): A seating arrangement for an aircraft cabin, having a longitudinal dimension in a direction of aircraft travel that defines a line of the aircraft, comprising:

at least two seat units, one seat unit being disposed in front of the other seat unit in the line of the aircraft, each seat unit comprising a seat base and a seat back which is movable between a seat position in which it forms a back rest, and a bed position in which it forms a bed surface, the seat back being arranged in front of a rear wall having first and second parts in its lateral extent;

a back shell having an inner surface and an outer surface,

a seat base,

a seat back, and

side frame members that are coupled to the back shell,

wherein the seat back is mounted to pivot at a junction with the seat base and is foldable at the junction between an upright seat position and a fold-forward bed position in which the seat back lies on top of the seat base,

wherein the back shell includes a first part that defines an inner recess for at least a head of a passenger in the seat unit and a second part that defines an outer recess for the feet of a passenger behind the seat unit, wherein the first part and the second part are adjacent each other in a lateral direction and the second part is relatively closer to the seat base than the first part in a longitudinal direction, the first part being relatively closer to the seat base than the second part which thereby defines an inner recess in the inner surface of the wall, the first part defining an outer recess in the outer surface of the wall; and

wherein each seat unit further including a bed extension surface arranged or deployable in front of the seat back in the fold-down bed position to cooperate with a corresponding surface in the outer recess of the [[wall]] back shell of the seat unit in front.

14. (new) A seat unit as claimed in claim 1 in which the seat base and the seat back are mounted on said seat frame members for slidable movement.

15. (new) A seat unit as claimed in claim 9 in which the inner recess and the extension piece are disposed such that a passenger is oriented in a horizontal position at an angle to a longitudinal direction of the aircraft.

16. (new) A seat unit as claimed in claim 13 in which the seat base and the seat back are mounted on said seat frame members for slidable movement.

17. (new) A seat unit as claimed in claim 13 in which the inner recess and the extension piece are disposed such that a passenger is oriented in a horizontal position at an angle to the line of the aircraft.